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REMARKS

Claims 19-26 and 28-51 remain in the application. Claims 50 and 51 have been amended. Claims 19-26 and 48-49 have been allowed.

Claims 50 and 51 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Duesman et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,078,100).

Claim 50 has been amended to recite in pertinent part "the first wiring layer comprises a first area having signal lines and each of the second and third wiring layers comprise a second area having power source lines, and a pitch of the power source lines is greater than that of the signal lines." This feature is not disclosed or even suggested by *Duesman et. al.* Claim 51 has been amended to recite in pertinent part "the first wiring layer comprises a first area having power source lines, and each of the second and third wiring layers comprise a second area having signal lines, and a pitch of the power source lines is greater than that of the signal lines." These features are not disclosed or even suggested by *Deusman et. al.* The wiring layers of claims 50 and 51 extend in the direction parallel to a surface of the semiconductor substrate. Claim 50 recites a first area having signal lines, a second area having power lines and the pitch of the power source lines is greater than that of the signal lines. Such features are not disclosed or even suggested in *Duesman et. al.* Claim 51 recites a first area having power source lines, a second area having signal lines, and a pitch of the power source lines is greater than that of the signal lines. Such features are not disclosed or even suggested in *Deusman et. al.* Therefore, this is respectfully submitted that claims 50 and 51 are patentable over the references of record.

The allowance of claims 19-26 and 28-49 is noted.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 19-26 and 28-51 are allowable, and allowance and issuance of this application is respectfully requested.

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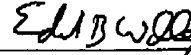
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